

notice shall be posted and ~~mailed~~ mailed, e-mailed, or delivered at least 48 hours before the time of the meeting. The notice required to be posted on the principal bulletin board or at the door of its usual meeting room shall be posted on the door of the building or on the building in an area accessible to the public if the building containing the principal bulletin board or usual meeting room is closed to the public continuously for 48 hours before the time of the meeting. The public body may require each newspaper, wire service, radio station, and television station submitting a written request for notice to renew the request annually. The public body shall charge a fee to persons other than the media, who request notice, of ten dollars (\$10.00) per calendar year, and may require them to renew their requests quarterly. No fee shall be charged for notices sent by e-mail.

- (3) For an emergency meeting, the public body shall cause notice of the meeting to be given to each local newspaper, local wire service, local radio station, and local television station that has filed a written request, which includes the newspaper's, wire service's, or station's telephone number, for emergency notice with the clerk or secretary of the public body or with some other person designated by the public body. This notice shall be given either by e-mail, by telephone ~~by telephone~~, or by the same method used to notify the members of the public body and shall be given immediately after notice has been given to those members. This notice shall be given at the expense of the party notified. ~~An "emergency meeting" is one called because of generally unexpected circumstances that require immediate consideration by the public body.~~ Only business connected with the emergency may be considered at a meeting to which notice is given pursuant to this paragraph.

(c) Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 694, s. 6.

(d) If a public body has a Web site and has established a schedule of regular meetings, the public body shall post the schedule of regular meetings to the Web site.

(e) If a public body has a Web site that one or more of its employees maintains, the public body shall post notice of any meeting held under subdivisions (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section prior to the scheduled time of that meeting.

(f) For purposes of this section, an "emergency meeting" is one called because of generally unexpected circumstances that require immediate consideration by the public body."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective for open meetings noticed on or after October 1, 2009.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

Became law upon approval of the Governor at 9:22 a.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

## Session Law 2009-351

## H.B. 23

AN ACT AMENDING CHAPTER 95 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CHILDREN BY INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CHILD LABOR LAWS.

*The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:*

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 95-25.23(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Any employer who violates the provisions of G.S. 95-25.5 (Youth Employment) or any regulation issued thereunder, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed ~~two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00)~~ five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation. the first violation and not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each subsequent violation. In determining the amount of such penalty, the appropriateness of such penalty to the size of the business of the person charged and the gravity of the violation shall be considered. The determination by the